

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

~~The invention relates to a method~~ **Provided are methods** for applying a covering layer to a substrate, ~~comprising of~~ **including** applying an adhesive layer in non-cross-linked state to the substrate and applying thereto a cross-linked covering layer, characterized in that the covering layer is provided with openings, and ~~to a method-methods~~ for manufacturing a coating package, and ~~use of~~ **using** the coating package.